

more comfortable, enclosing the fore-
deck so
that the women might have shelter
from squalls
and breaking waves.

Besides, if it were necessary to leave Turtle Bay finally, ordinary prudence suggested that they should do so without delay, that they should take advantage of the fine season just beginning in these southern regions.

But suppose the turtles failed ?
Would they
be-reduced to fish as sole diet ? And
the boat—
where could they put that in safety,
out of 'reach
of th\$ waves which must break right
up to the
back of the beach in the winter f
Would they
be able to haul it up above the highest
tide-marks ?
Harxy fiould and Fritz and the rest had
only their

own arms to rely on, not a tool, not a
lever, not
a lifting-jack, and the boat was heavy
enough to
resist their united efforts.

At this time of year there was
happily nothing